

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A polymer composition containing an addition polymerization-based block copolymer (a), an acrylic resin (b), and a softener (c), wherein the addition polymerization-based block copolymer (a) has a weight average molecular weight of 30000 to 200000 and is at least one selected from block copolymers comprising at least one polymer block A and at least one polymer block B, and hydrogenated products of the block copolymers; the polymer block A ~~essentially~~ comprises mainly an aromatic vinyl compound unit containing at least 1% by mass of an alkylstyrene-derived structural unit (I) in which at least one alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms is bound to a benzene ring; the block copolymer B comprises a conjugated diene compound unit; and the components of the polymer composition are present in respective proportions (by mass) so that the following relationships (1) and (2) hold:

$$0.05 \leq W_b/W_a \leq 2 \quad (1)$$

$$0 \leq W_c/(W_a+W_b+W_c) \leq 0.5 \quad (2)$$

where W_a , W_b , and W_c are the amounts (by mass) of the components of the polymer composition: the addition polymerization-based block copolymer (a), the acrylic resin (b) and the softener (c), respectively, wherein the polymer composition has a sea-island morphology; and

wherein the polymer composition, when formed into a 2mm thick sheet-shaped article and tested for the Taber abrasion according to JIS K 6264, gives a Taber abrasion of 100mm³ or less, the test conducted by abrading the sheet with an H-22 abrasion disk at 1000rpm while applying a 1kg load.

Claim 2. (Cancelled).

Claim 3. (New) The polymer composition of claim 1, wherein the alkylstyrene-derived structural unit comprises units from an alkylstyrene selected from the group consisting of o-alkylstyrene, m-alkylstyrene, p-alkylstyrene, 2,4-dialkylstyrene, 3,5-dialkylstyrene, 2,4,6-trialkylstyrene, and halogenated alkylstyrenes in which one or more of the hydrogen atoms borne by the alkyl groups of the alkylstyrenes have been substituted with halogen atoms.

Claim 4. (New) The polymer composition of claim 1, wherein the alkylstyrene-derived structural unit comprises units from an alkylstyrene selected from the group consisting of o-methylstyrene, m-methylstyrene, p-methylstyrene, 2,4-dimethylstyrene, 3,5-dimethylstyrene, 2,4,6-trimethylstyrene, o-ethylstyrene, m-ethylstyrene, p-ethylstyrene, 2,4-diethylstyrene, 3,5-diethylstyrene, 2,4,6-triethylstyrene, o-propylstyrene, m-propylstyrene, p-propylstyrene, 2,4-dipropylstyrene, 3,5-dipropylstyrene, 2,4,6-tripropylstyrene, 2-methyl-4-ethylstyrene, 3-methyl-5-ethylstyrene, o-chloromethylstyrene, m-chloromethylstyrene, p-chloromethylstyrene, 2,4-bis(chloromethyl)styrene, 3,5-bis(chloromethyl)styrene, 2,4,6-tri(chloromethyl)styrene, o-dichloromethylstyrene, m-dichloromethylstyrene, and p-dichloromethylstyrene.

Claim 5. (New) The polymer composition of claim 1, wherein the alkylstyrene-derived structural unit is present in an amount of from 1 to 50% by mass with respect to polymer block A.

Claim 6. (New) The polymer composition of claim 5, wherein the alkylstyrene-derived structural unit is present in an amount of from 1 to 30% by mass with respect to polymer block A.

Claim 7. (New) The polymer composition of claim 1, wherein the conjugated diene compound is a member selected from the group consisting of butadiene, isoprene, 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene, 1,3-pentadiene, and 1,3-hexadiene.